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DEVELOPERS REVEAL NEW DESIGNS FOR UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS WILL HAVE RANGE OF UNIQUELY DESIGNED HUBS

Images of the how the the University of Northampton's new campus near Nunn Mills could look have been unveiled.

Artist's impressions released last week showed a footbridge over the River Nene between the future campus and Becket's Park, as well as four new buildings.

A building named the Learning Hub will be the main focus of the campus and will be six storeys high, using combined heat and power generation and solar cells.

A five-storey Creative Hub would be used in various academic ways and also contain a cafe that the designers hope will attract people from the wider area.

The design features 'a number of curved elevations' to represent the erosion of materials by water. Visible from Bedford Road, the five-storey Research and Enterprise Hub will feature a line of columns to mark the the entrance.

Sports facilities will also include two multi-use games areas and a floodlit sports pitch, as well as building containing a fitness centre and exercise/dance studio.

Steven Boyes, director of planning at Northampton Borough Council, said in his recommendations to the Guildhall planning committee: "It is acknowledged that the approach by the developer has been to give each of the buildings a distinct identity rather than seek a homogeneous design solution for the entirety of the development.

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Great-grandad, 70, is a park rugby 'legend'

Martin Robson relaxes in his favourite pub, The Romany, but at weekends he can still be found in the scrum when Heathens play at The Racecourse

A great-grandfather from Northampton, who celebrated his 70th birthday playing rugby, said the secret to his health is "keeping the balance of life."

Martin Robson, from East Hunsbury, has been playing rugby for more than 60 years. He currently plays prop for Northampton Heathens, the team he played against when he joined his first club in Bletchley.

He moved to the town 25 years ago after starting work for former meat company, Benny Foods, said to have been the first brand to bring thinly-sliced cooked meat to the UK, revolutionising the sandwich industry.

He is now a site manager for a Wellingborough-based industrial cleaning company.

Mr Robson said: "I have always only done things I wanted to do and enjoyed. I don't plan to retire anytime soon and I will keep playing rugby until the rest of the team tell me I'm embarrassing them.

"You can talk to me in 50 years and I will probably still be here, doing the same thing."

Mr Robson recently celebrated his birthday on the pitch, starting against Long Buckby 2nd XV, followed by an afternoon in the team's local pub, The Romany, in Trinity Avenue in Kingsthorpe.

He said: "I love my rugby. I have no natural ability whatsoever, but I think it is the ultimate team sport.

"It encapsulates everything that is important about life; it involves will-power, self-discipline and a certain amount of bravery.

"You have to really be able to work as a team and know each other's weaknesses, because every game brings up new problems.

"It's a mental, as well as a physical, challenge."

Mr Robson splits his time between work, rugby and spending time with his family: his wife, Pat, his two children, three grandchildren and six-month-old great-grandchild.

Commenting on how he fits everything in, he said: "It's all about keeping a balance.

"I have never sacrificed things I love to do or are important.

"I love the philosophy of the rugby world. Once you are in, you are always welcomed by any other club in the country."

Martin Robson shares tips on how he gets around age to stay strong

Martin Robson first learned to play rugby when he was a student at Edge Grove School in Hertfordshire where, he said, the coaching was of an international standard.

He now plays with the Heathens every weekend and, in all his years playing the sport, he said he has sustained little more than a couple of broken fingers and a few cracked ribs.

However, now aged 70, he said: "Things are a bit more difficult and I know I am not as strong as I used to be, even though props have a reputation for longevity.

"My way of getting around that was to lose a bit of weight and make sure I was handling players that I could manage. I also avoid being out when it's very cold and I let the younger players have their chance first, as they are the future of the club.

"I don't have the secrets to life to give anyone, I just know what suits me."

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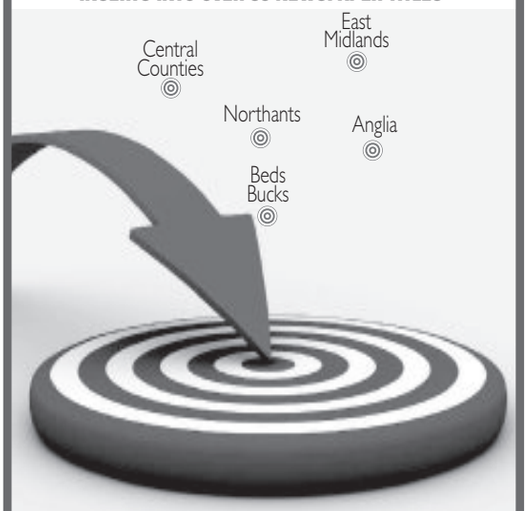

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Grefriars' shell gets ready for implosion

A 'structural shell' is all that remains of Greyfriars bus station, a final tour of the 'mouth of Hell' has revealed before it is imploded.

The 1976 'brutalist' structure is set to be reduced to rubble via a detonation of 2,000 explosive charges on Sunday, March 15.

The Mercury's sister paper, the *Chronicle & Echo*, was granted one final look of the bus station and its upper floor offices last week.

Billy Young, contracts manager for DSM Demolition Group, which is carrying out the controlled demolition, said the building has been extensively stripped since the *Chron* was last shown round there in July.

He said: "A lot has been happening over the past few months and we are now well into the enabling works for the demolition itself.

"The building has now been extensively assessed and stripped, we are just back to the structural shell now."

When the *Chron* viewed inside Greyfriars in July, the inside of the building was littered with lighting fixtures stripped from the 4,000 sq ft office space once occupied by Barclaycard.

About 25 workers have spent months dropping the stripped materials down three large former lift shafts to the ground floor. A total of 400 sacks of pigeon droppings were removed from the 1976 building.

A top floor garden and pond – which in July resembled an overgrown wilderness – has now been completely removed.

Vertical concrete building supports have been lined with wire meshing and a black 'geo-textile' material in preparation for the demolition.

Holes will be drilled in 2,000 locations across the structure and explosive material inserted within them.

However Mr Young said security will be a top priority in the final stages of the demolition preparation.

"Enhanced security measures of the site will be put in place during the latter stages of the preparation," he said.

The demolition, which will happen in a timed floor-by-floor detonation, is designed to make the building collapse in on itself.

A section of the middle floor, once home to a car park, has been removed to ensure the building collapses inwards

It is estimated DSM workers will remain on-site clearing the rubble until July.

Leader of Northampton Borough Council, Councillor David Mackintosh, said anyone whose home or business sat within the exclusion zone and was concerned about the March 15 'blowdown day', will be able to attend open meetings in the run up to the event.

He added: "Everyone in the 414 properties that are affected, whether they are residents of businesses, will have access to a helpline number and there will be an opportunity for them to ask individual questions."

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Cloudy2Clear service the Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough & Corby areas and Trevor is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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Police must record all stop and searches

Police have been asked to take up six recommendations regarding stop and search policy

The Northamptonshire Rights and Equality Council (NREC) has issued recommendations to Northamptonshire Police after a survey found officers were still not recording all stop and search incidents.

NREC surveyed more than 100 people in November last year and the results showed that 46 per cent of respondents felt they had not been treated with respect and 28 per cent said they did not receive a form to record the stop and search.

As a result of the survey results, NREC has written six recommendations for Northamptonshire Police that will be discussed at a meeting at Wootton Hall today attended by inspector Dennis Murray from the Northamptonshire Black Police Association, Councillor David Macintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, and Matt Chester, from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The recommendations include monitoring and recording its car stop and searches, reducing disproportionate car stop searches, giving police officers equality and discrimination training on racial profiling, introducing community involvement in stop and search training and adopting a target to film all stop searches using body worn video.

Last year, police and crime commissioner Adam Simmonds said "demonstrable improvements" needed to be made in the way officers use stop and search powers as a matter of urgency.

Northamptonshire Police has now signed up to a scheme that will result in a "significant reduction" in the use of stop and search. Under the Best Use of Stop and Search scheme, the county force is now recording all outcomes of stop and search and whether there is a connection between the grounds for the search and the outcome.

Under the new scheme, the chief officer must reasonably believe that violence "will" rather than "may" take place, as was previously the policy.

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A multi-million internal renovation of the Grosvenor Centre in Northampton is on track to be completed by May– but plans for an American diner have been put on hold.

Legal and General, which owns the town's 32,000 square foot retail space says it is three months away from completing the overhaul, though plans to turn the former Disney Store unit into an Ed's Easy Diner have stalled.

A spokesperson for Grosvenor Centre owners Legal and General, said: "We weren't able to deliver a store for Ed's Diner during 2014 however there is a desire by both parties to have them in The Grosvenor Centre and those discussions are ongoing."

A spokeswoman for Ed's Diner said its plans to bring a diner to Northampton had 'Currently Northampton has 'fallen off our schedule'.

Currently much of the indoor shopping centre, which Legal and General described as the 'engine room' of trade in Northampton town centre, is covered by scaffolding while new steel and glass balustrades are installed on the upper floor.

Work is ongoing with improvements to the Grosvenor Centre

By May there will also be new 'feature' lighting, escalators, lifts and new flooring.

Centre manager Russell Hall, said the visual overhaul would help attract more retailers to take up units at the centre. He said: "The refurbishment has already helped secure lettings with OPEN and the new, larger Primark and Next stores that opened late 2014 and will help to attract new brands and retailers to Northampton."

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Highways Agency senior project manager, Brian Gash, explained: "Surveys revealed the barrier between junctions 15 and 16 is coming to the end of its serviceable life so it is common sense to extend the existing programme of replacement to include this additional section.

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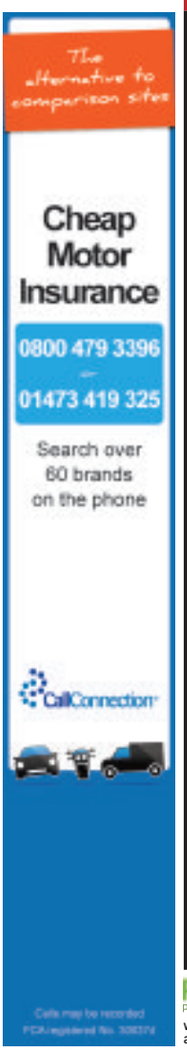

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Meet a miserly monster

If you didn't think the chunky Porsche Cayenne already looked big or imposing enough, the latest one has an answer.

While actually stretching a tape measure precisely as far as before, the styling has been changed to make this imposing SUV look wider still. And an 'enhanced power dome' on the bonnet will give drivers in the cars ahead even more visual stimulus to get out of your way. This added styling toughness are part of a thorough reworking of the model that single handedly turned round the fortunes of the brand.

The Cayenne has been the best-selling Porsche worldwide for years and the current update won't harm prospects of that continuing.

Beneath the new panels, every engine in the Cayenne range has been reworked for more power and economy. Most radical are the Cayenne S (£60,218) and the £61,474 Cayenne SE-Hybrid, which mixes petrol and electric power.

The new range starts at £49,576 for the entry level petrol version and tops out, for the moment, at £118,455 with the 173mph Turbo S. Most popular model in the UK is the Diesel tested here, which comes in at just under £50,000 unless you're tempted by an options list that cheekily includes heated front seats (£295) and a digital radio (£324) that ought to be standard.

As well as injecting a bit more verve into the range, the Porsche engineers have been through the suspension and tweaked it with the twin aims of adding sporting precision and comfort at the same time.

A morning on the track at the Porsche Experience Centre at Silverstone showed that the two-ton Cayenne gets as close to defying physics as anything made by man.

Less expensive Cayennes (a relative term) rely on good old-fashioned steel springs but still manage to corner without drama at unlikely speeds. The Turbo comes with air suspension (a £2,379 option) that can be made firmer for those cross country drives when you're feeling a bit Jenson.

Out on the road the Diesel impressed with a plush interior and was quite quick enough, thank you. It also showed 42mpg at the end of a brisk drive. So big on the outside, but a bit of a miser under the bonnet.

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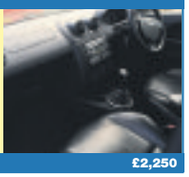

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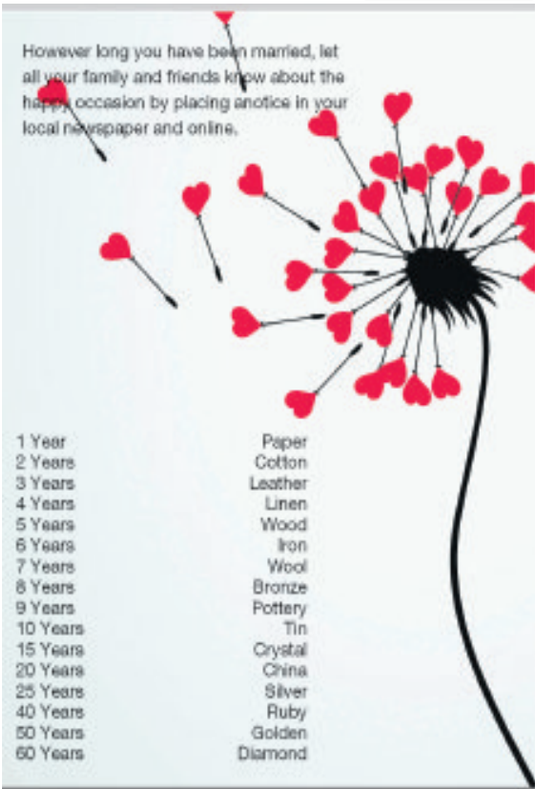

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Knill praises Town supporters

Cobblers assistant boss thanks fans for backing at Mansfield

FOOTBALL

Alan Knill praised the efforts of the Cobblers supporters at the end of a disappointing week of results for the team.

Town lost 1-0 at Hartlepool on Tuesday night and required an injury-time Marc Richards equaliser to claim a point in a 1-1 draw at Mansfield on Saturday.

Those matches came after a five-game winning streak and see the side placed 11th in Sky Bet League Two, eight points off the play-off places.

Northampton have 15 league fixtures remaining this season and assistant manager Knill says it is simply a case of assessing the situation on a week-by-week basis rather than making any bold predictions.

"We're just going to be as positive as possible and see where that takes us," he said. "We went into the two games this week targeting two wins and that obviously didn't happen.

"But what we always say is if you're not going to win, make sure you don't lose and we showed good character to do that at Mansfield."

More than 1,200 supporters followed the team to Mansfield and Knill feels they were rewarded for their efforts by a resilient Cobblers performance.

"It felt like we were the home side," he said. "We have to say a big thank you to those supporters and we're all glad that they didn't walk away from the game with nothing.

"I think they've seen a team try to get something right to the very end and as a supporter that's what you want.

"You want commitment and the players gave that to the supporters on Saturday. We are really thankful to them all for turning out on Saturday."

Meanwhile, the Cobblers have confirmed they will not appeal against the red card shown to midfielder John-Joe O'Toole in Saturday's 1-1 draw.

O'Toole was dismissed for a 32nd-minute clash with Stags defender Ritchie Sutton and will now serve a three-game suspension.

"While we believe John-Joe was harshly treated, after taking advice, we will not be appealing the red card," said a club statement.

"We move on by thanking each of the 1,200 + fans who made the trip to Mansfield.

O'Toole will miss the home games against York City and Portsmouth and the trip to Shrewsbury Town.

STRONG FOLLOWING Cobblers fans cheer their team on at Mansfield last Saturday PICTURE: SHARON LUCEY

Harrison and Fisher sign new Saints deals

RUGBY

SAINTS have handed contract extensions to Teimana Harrison and Jon Fisher.

Both players have made a good impression this season, with Fisher a stand-out performer before suffering a foot injury at Scarlets in November.

The former London Irish flanker, who joined last summer following a successful trial, played eight times before being sidelined.

But the 26-year-old, player of the month in September, is on his way back to fitness and could return in the next couple of weeks to add to Jim Mallinder's options.

Harrison is starting to fulfil the potential he showed after joining the Saints Academy in 2011.

The back row forward played a key role in last season's Amlin Challenge Cup success and now has 22 Saints appearances to his name.

And director of rugby Mallinder is happy to be able to keep the forward duo at Franklin's Gardens.

"We're delighted that both Teimana and Jon will be staying at the Gardens," Mallinder said.

"Both players have played important roles in their time at the club and we're confident that they have more to give, both during the run in and for the coming years."

Meanwhile, Saints will be without Dylan Hartley and Luther Burrell for Saturday's Aviva Premiership trip to Bath with the duo among 17 players to be retained by England.

But Calum Clark, Alex Corbisiero and Stephen Myler will be available after being sent back to Franklin's Gardens.

Tom Wood and Courtney Lawes also return to their club to continue their recovery from ankle injuries, with the pair hoping to train with England next week.

Stuart Lancaster's side, who have won their opening two Six Nations games in impressive fashion, have this weekend off ahead of their crucial trip to Ireland on March 1.

"We will release some players back to their clubs this evening (Tuesday) as it will be a good opportunity for them to play for their clubs on a big Aviva Premiership weekend and before we get together ahead of the Ireland training week," Lancaster said.

"Tom Wood and Courtney Lawes will be released back to their club for further assessment and treatment with a view to them resuming training with us next week."

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